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Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

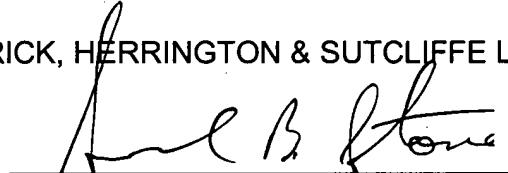
By the present amendment, original claims 1-17 have been cancelled, and new claims 18-40 substituted therefore. These claims differ from claims 1-17 of Applicants' Patent No. 6,591,774, and define the concepts of the inventive contributions differently. It is respectfully submitted that these claims define over the prior art such that they are not anticipated by nor obvious in view of the prior art.

Favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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